

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

5 Please replace paragraph [0049] begin on page 3 of U.S. Patent Application  
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10 [0049] Longitudinal portion 46 and transverse portion 50 are configured to  
receivably engage heat sensing probe 34 for support therein such that heat sensing  
probe 34 is spaced apart from film 36. Thickness  $d_c$  provides the depth necessary  
15 to create an air/fluid gap or cavity between heat sensing probe 34 and film 36. This  
configuration prevents undesired engagement of film 36 with heat sensing probe  
34. Advantageously, this design improves accuracy of temperature measurements  
and avoids distorted readings due to thermal noise, etc. It is contemplated that  
probe cover 20 may employ one or a plurality of end ribs 38. A proximal face 50a  
15 of the transverse portion 50 abuts the distal end 30 of the thermometer 32 when  
engaged with the probe cover 20 to keep the distal end 30 of the thermometer 32  
spaced from the film 36.